

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims below will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for inducing differentiation of cardiomyocytes from stem cells, comprising wherein culturing stem cells ~~are cultured to induce differentiation~~ in the presence of a substance that inhibits BMP signaling to induce differentiation.
2. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein culture the step of culturing of the stem cells to induce differentiation comprises a step of forming embryoid bodies by floating aggregation culture.
3. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein culture the step of culturing of the stem cells to induce differentiation comprises a step of co-culturing with feeder cells.
4. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein culture the step of culturing of the stem cells to induce differentiation comprises a step of plate culturing on a culture container.
5. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of Claims 1 through 4~~ Claim 1, comprising a step of treating the stem cells with the substance that inhibits BMP signaling during the ~~first few days of the~~ differentiation-inducing stage.
6. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of Claims 1 through 4~~ Claim 1, comprising a step of treating the stem cells with the substance that inhibits BMP signaling during pre-differentiation stage.
7. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of Claims 1 through 4~~ Claim 1, comprising a step of treating the stem cells with the substance that inhibits BMP signaling during pre-differentiation stage, and a step of treating the stem cells with the substance that inhibits BMP signaling during the ~~first few days of the~~ differentiation-inducing stage.
8. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of Claims 1 through 7~~ Claim 1,

wherein the substance that inhibits BMP signaling is a BMP antagonist.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 8, wherein the BMP antagonist is ~~one or more selected from a group comprising~~ Noggin, Chordin, fetuin, follistatin, sclerostin, DAN, Cerberus, gremlin, Dante ~~and~~ or related proteins thereof.

10. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of Claims 1 through 9~~ Claim 1, wherein the stem cells are mammalian-derived cells having the ability to differentiate into cardiomyocytes in vitro.

11. (Original) The method according to Claim 10, wherein the mammalian-derived cells having the ability to differentiate into cardiomyocytes are pluripotent stem cells or cells derived therefrom.

12. (Original) The method according to Claim 11, wherein the pluripotent stem cells are embryonic stem cells, cells with a similar morphology to embryonic stem cells, embryonic germ cells, or multipotent adult progenitor cells.

13. (Original) The method according to Claim 12, wherein the pluripotent stem cells are embryonic stem cells.

14. (Currently Amended) Cardiomyocytes obtained by the method according to ~~any one of Claims 1 through 13~~ Claim 1.

15. (New) The method according to Claim 5, comprising treating the stem cells with the substance that inhibits BMP signaling during the first five days of the differentiation-inducing stage.

16. (New) The method according to Claim 5, comprising treating the stem cells with the substance that inhibits BMP signaling during the first three days of the differentiation-inducing stage.

17. (New) The method according to Claim 7, comprising treating the stem cells with the substance that inhibits BMP signaling during pre-differentiation stage, and a step of treating the stem cells with the substance that inhibits BMP signaling during the first five days of the

differentiation-inducing stage.

18. (New) The method according to Claim 7, comprising treating the stem cells with the substance that inhibits BMP signaling during pre-differentiation stage, and a step of treating the stem cells with the substance that inhibits BMP signaling during the first three days of the differentiation-inducing stage.